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SUBJ: REACTION TO US STATEMENT ON CONDITION AND FUTURE  
OF THE UN

1. UNUSUAL INTEREST IN AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT IN "STRENGTHENING  
OF ROLE OF UN" DEBATE IN GA PLENARY DEC 6 HAS BEEN SHOWN  
BY UN DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT STAFF AT ALL LEVELS.  
IN FIRST HOUR AFTER DELIVERY OF STATEMENT, MORE THAN 30  
DELEGATIONS REQUESTED FULL TEXT. BOTH US AND INTERNATIONAL  
PRESS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ALSO SHOWN UNPRECEDENTED DEGREE  
OF INTEREST. IN SUM, STATEMENT HAS BEEN IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED  
AS MAJOR US STATEMENT ON THE CONDITION AND FUTURE OF THE  
UN ORGANIZATION.

2. PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANT REACTION WAS UNSCHEDULED  
SUSPENSION OF AFTERNOON MEETING OF PLENARY ON INITIATIVE  
OF ALGERIAN PERMREP RAHAL. AT ABOUT 5:30 PM (WITH DOZEN  
DELEGATES WAITING TO SPEAK) RAHAL MOVED ADJOURNMENT ON GROUND  
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THAT DEBATE HAD TAKEN SURPRISING TURN AND THAT "MAJORITY"

NEEDED TIME TO PREPARE THEIR RESPONSE TO UNEXPECTED CRITICISMS BY THE "MINORITY". MOTION TO ADJOURN DEBATE (UNTIL NEXT WEEK) CARRIED 73-0-22(US, PROMINENT WEO'S AND LA'S).

3. REACTION OF DELEGATES WAS EPITOMIZED BY COMMENT OF AMBASSADOR BOATEN OF GHANA: "IT WAS A TOUGH SPEECH. IT WAS AS FRANK AS IT COULD HAVE BEEN, WITHOUT BEING INSULTING." DELEGATIONS SHARING SOME OR ALL OF OUR CONCERNS, INCLUDING ISRAEL, UK, FRANCE, DENMARK, GERMANY, AND NORWAY MADE COMMENTS RANGING FROM "MAGNIFICENT" TO "WELL DONE" TO "IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION" TO "FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT WHICH MUST HAVE REQUIRED GUTS TO GIVE." THOSE DELEGATIONS LIKELY TO BE CRITICAL OF OUR SPEECH HAVE NOT SOUGHT US OUT BUT SOME HAVE INDICATED THAT RECURRENT THEME OF THEIR RESPONSE MAY BE THAT US (LIKE SOME OF ITS FRIENDS) IS "CRYING" NOW THAT IT FINDS ITSELF IN MINORITY.

4. AMB RAHAL SEEMED UPSET WHEN HE SPOKE TO SCALI IN GA CORRIDOR JUST AFTER SCALI'S STATEMENT. RAHAL SAID HE HAD BEEN "SURPRISED" AND WOULD HAVE TO REPLY TO SCALI'S "UNFAIR" STATEMENT. SCALI REPLIED HE WAS SURPRISED BY RAHAL'S SURPRISE.

5. USYG BRADFORD MORSE (US NATIONAL) SAID SCALI'S SPEECH HAS STARTED CRITICAL DEBATE ON FUTURE OF UNITED NATIONS, WHICH OVERDUE. HE SAID SCALI'S REMARKS DIPLOMATICALLY CUSHIONED, BUT HAVE JOLTED ASSEMBLY, AND PROMISE TO PRODUCE SEVERAL DAYS OF NEW DEBATE. HE ADDED THAT WHILE SCALI'S REMARKS RECOGNIZED AS SERIOUS AND CONSIDERED, REMARKS OF WEST GERMAN REP WERE DEEPLY RESENTED BY THIRD WORLD FOR OFFENSIVE TONE.

6. COMMENT: USUN IS REVIEWING THE RECORD TO BE PREPARED TO MEET DEBATE NEXT WEEK AS REQUIRED. IT IS JUST POSSIBLE WE MAY BE ABLE AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH THE ALGERIANS AND THEIR FRIENDS ON FLOOR OF GA. WHETHER DIALOGUE TO BE ON FLOOR OR IN CORRIDORS, WE WISH TO HAVE OUR ARGUMENTS MARSHALLED FOR MAINTAINING AND FORWARDING THE BASIC VIEWS CONTAINED IN SCALI'S STATEMENT. WE SHALL STAY CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH LIKE-MINDED DELEGATIONS. IT NOTEWORTHY THAT IN TRUNCATED DEBATE DEC 6, POSITIONS MORE OR LESS SUPPORTIVE OF OURS WERE TAKEN BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPEAKERS REPRESENTING COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTING WITH US WELL OVER HALF OF UN ASSESSED BUDGET: MEMBERS EC-9 AND SWEDEN. BY COINCIDENCE, ONLY SOME FOUR HOURS AFTER SCALI'S STATEMENT SECOND COMMITTEE (ECONOMIC) PASSED MEXICAN-SPONSORED CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY (115-6-10) WITH VIRTUALLY NONE OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED STATES VOTING YES.  
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